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March 20, 1987

Mr. Francisco Barba, RPM
PA CERCLA Remedial Enforcement Section
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Subject: Occidental Chemical Site

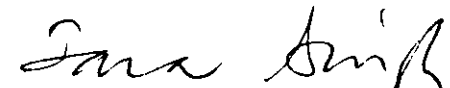
Dear Francisco:

Enclosed please find the original of the 104(e) letter response from Occidental Chemical Corporation to EPA Region III. RAI has retained a copy for review and will include the information therein in the Final PRP Report. We are still waiting for the response from Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. An analysis of the Firestone response will also be included in the final report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 703/644-9770.

Sincerely yours,

RESOURCE APPLICATIONS, INC.


Tara Singh, Ph.D., P.E.
Program Director

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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J. A. King
Occidental Chemical Corporation
Armand Hammer Boulevard
Box 699
Pottstown, PA 19464

Dear Mr. King:

In response to your letter of March 10, 1987, enclosed is a copy of the sample results which you requested. I am sorry for the inconvenience. If you have any questions please call me at (215) 597-8309.

Sincerely,

Francisco Barba

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Occidental Chemical Corporation

March 10, 1987

U.S. EPA, Region III
841 Chestnut Bldg.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Attention: Mr. F. Barba

Dear Mr. Barba:

Concerning the NUS Non-Sampling Site Reconnaissance report recently sent to us by Mr. B. P. Smith, we have a few minor corrections and observations to clarify the record:

First Page:

Active landfill is 6 acres; total site acreage is 267.

No one knows for sure, but we all believe that Jacobs Aircraft probably dumped cutting oils and perhaps degreasing solvents also on the landfill.

Page 2:

Firestone leased the site from the U.S. Government in 1945 and purchased it in 1950.

Mr. Sheehan's estimate of 33 tons per day of refuse landfilled is matched only by our 1985 record. Other years are from the start of recordkeeping: 1982--23; 1983--19; 1984--27; and 1986--19.

We do not understand the NUS reference to refinery waste nor zinc oxide wastes.

Firestone sold to the Hooker Chemical & Plastics Corp. in 12/80; in 1982, Hooker changed its name to the Occidental Chemical Corporation.

Page 3:

Solids filtered out of effluent are no longer mixed with flyash for disposal on the landfill and have not been since May, 1986, when flyash disposal off-site was started.

Page 4:

Mr. Glenn Grow was Manager of Process Engineering; Plant Manager was and is Mr. K. H. Garner.

Sincerely,

J. A. King
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cc: K. H. Garner
R. D. Luss
J. A. Mack
L. Wood



Occidental Chemical Corporation

March 10, 1987

U.S. EPA, Region III
841 Chestnut Bldg.
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Attention: Mr. F. Barba, Compliance Officer,
CERCLA Remedial Enforcement Section

Dear Mr. Barba:

On March 9, we received from your Mr. B. P. Smith a copy of the NUS, Non-Sampling, Site Reconnaissance, Summary Report of our site: R-585-9-5-17 TDD No. F3-8506-21, EPA No. PA588.

This reconnaissance was conducted in July of 1985, and the NUS report is dated September 17, 1985. Then on September 26 and October 3, 1985, the NUS team again visited our site, this time sampling various wells, lagoons, and a pond. It is the analytical results of the testing of these samples and EPA's conclusions of them that is of concern to us.

We, therefore, request a copy of the report, or a summarization of analytical results, of the second NUS "sampling reconnaissance" of the Pottstown site of September/October, 1985.

Sincerely,


J. A. King

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